REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-23 and 25-29 are pending. Claim 23 has been amended. Claim 24 has been canceled, and no new claims have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-22. In the Office Action of March 16, 2010, the Examiner also indicated that claim 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 23 has been amended to include all limitations of the previously presented claim 24, and claim 24 has been canceled. Therefore, claim 23 is now allowable. Claims 25-29 all depend from claim 23 and are allowable as well.

All pending claims are believed to be in a form suitable for allowance. Therefore, the application is believed to be in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request early allowance of the application. Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned, Geoffrey L. R. Williamson, if it will assist further examination of this application.

Applicants do not believe any extension of time is required for timely consideration of this response. In the event that an extension has been overlooked, this conditional petition of extension is hereby submitted. Applicants request that deposit account number 19-4972 be charged for any fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this application.

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